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Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2011/01/05: CIA-RDP82-00457R002700330009-1 CONTIDENTIAL CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 50X1-HUM In any case, supplies at the disposal of plants remaining open will have been exhausted during the first days of April 1949. Zino and Pyrites a. Difficulties over Polish supplies of zinc to Czechoslovakia have not yet been settled. Poland was to deliver raw zinc for rolling in Czecheslovakia. Now, however, the Poles have realized that their own rolling mills are not working to capacity and have, therefore, informed the Czechoslovakis that they are prepared to deliver rolled products only. The Czechoslovaks are dissatisfied with this modification, and it is believed that no final decision has yet been taken as to whether or not to continue with the original agreement. b. Yugoslav offers of pyrites still amount to only 33 percent of what Czechoslovakia was expecting. This position is unlikely to change until Czechoslovakia ceases to hold up her deliveries of electrical equipment to 50X1-HUM . Yugoslavia. Iron Ore 40 50X1-HUM Czechoslovakia has now been able to contract for the sumply of 855,000 tons of iron ore; she needs, however, between 1,200,000 and 1,300,000 tons. For the last two weeks a Metalinex delegation negotiate a larger surply. The party includes Director General Axla, Dr. is to go various ferrous alloys, including ferrochrore, ferromanganese, and ferrosilicon. b, 50X1-HUM

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The Soviet Union has promised 800,000 tons, with the option of a further

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- d. Between 100,000 to 150,000 tons of ore is expected from Yugoslavia, mostly Prijedor.
- e. Slovak mines last year produced about 550,000 tons of ore with an iron content of 38 to 40 percent. About half of these mines are equipped with obsolete machinery and are, moreover, nearly worked out. Production costs are about 2.60 Kcs per kilo. To be competitive these should be not more than 1.20 Kcs per kilo.

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